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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 8.2 October 22, 2009

DATE:

October 13, 2009

TO:

CMA Board

FROM:

Administration & Legislation Committee

SUBJECT:

Board Retreat – December 2009

Requested Action

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Schedule its annual retreat for the afternoon (1 to 5 pm with lunch at noon) of Friday, December 11, 2009 at the Masonic home in Union City;
- 2. Conduct the retreat jointly with the ACTIA Board; and
- 3. Approve the following topics for the retreat:
 - a. Discussion of a vehicle registration fee measure for transportation to be put before the voters in Alameda County and its relationship to the reauthorization of Measure B and the update of the countywide transportation plan;
 - b. Discussion of a Measure B reauthorization and its relationship to visioning the update of the countywide transportation plan and the vehicle registration fee; and
 - c. Climate change, including specific areas the CMA can tackle as a follow-up to the MTC/CMAs workshop in November.

If a proposed MTC workshop with MTC commissioners and CMA board members does not occur prior to the Alameda County CMA retreat, topics may be adjusted.

Discussion

The Administration & Legislation Committee discussed several potential retreat topics at its September and October meetings. The final proposal recognizes the other activities discussed below.

- A workshop with MTC commissioners and CMA board members from all nine counties is being planned for November 2009. Topics for this workshop will include a review of MTC's various functions and programs, climate change (AB 32; SB 375), and the regional transportation plan and its programs. This workshop will cover two of the topics previously suggested for the Board retreat.
- In addition, the Governor has signed SB 83 (Hancock) that will allow the CMAs throughout the state to place a countywide fee before the voters for transportation of up to a

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- \$10 per vehicle per year. This measure requires a simple majority vote accompanied by an expenditure plan.
- ACTIA is considering a reauthorization of Measure B as early as 2012. The update of the countywide transportation plan will begin in 2010. An integrated vision for the Measure B reauthorization, the vehicle registration fee and the countywide transportation plan update would provide an opportunity for a coordinated program of transportation improvements.

Taking previously suggested topics and the above into consideration, the following topics for the retreat are recommended:

- 1. Discussion of a vehicle registration fee measure for transportation to be put before the voters in Alameda County and its relationship to the reauthorization of Measure B and the update of the countywide transportation plan;
- 2. Discussion of a Measure B reauthorization and its relationship to visioning the update of the countywide transportation plan and the vehicle registration fee; and
- 3. Climate change, including specific areas the CMA can tackle as a follow-up to the MTC/CMAs workshop in November.

If the MTC/CMAs workshop does not occur in November, the retreat agenda can be modified to include a review of MTC's responsibilities and more in-depth discussion of climate change actions.